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HISTORY OF THE ORDINATION
OF
CALEB D. BRADLEE.

ALSO HISTORY OF
The Thirtieth Anniversary
OF
HIS ORDINATION.

From C. D BRADLEE,

Pastor of the Church, Harrison Squ

Post office address of Mr. Bradlee :

BOX 33, STATION A,

Boston, Mass.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1854,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1884.

Thirty Years.

1854. — 30 — 1884.

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C. D. BRADLEE
WAS LICENSED TO PREACH BY THE
"BOSTON ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS,"
JUNE 12, 1864,
IN CHARLESTOWN, MASS.,
AT THE HOUSE OF REV. DR. GEORGE E. ELLIS.

1854.

1884.

C. D. BRADLEE HAS BEEN PASTOR OF THE
FOLLOWING CHURCHES, VIZ.:

- (1) Allen Street Church, North Cambridge, Mass.
- (2) Acting Pastor of the "Church of Our Father," East Boston, Mass.
- (3) Pastor of the "Church of the Redeemer," Boston.
- (4) Christian Unity, Boston. At one time called "Church of the Good Samaritan."
- (5) Church at Harrison Sq., Dorchester, Boston, Mass., having charge of this last church from the first Sunday in March, 1876.

HISTORY OF ORDINATION,

1854.

IN 1854 the following "Letter Missive" was sent to the several churches or individuals mentioned below, viz.:—

The Allen Street Society and Church in North Cambridge, Mass., to the Church under the care of Rev. ———.

GREETING:

Christian Brethren:—

Having with entire unanimity invited CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE to become our Pastor, and he having accepted the invitation, we respectfully request your attendance by your Pastor and Delegate, at his Ordination on Monday, December 11th, 1854.

We are Yours, in the Faith of the Gospel,

THOMAS J. PIERCE,

Chairman Com. Society.

JAMES W. BALDWIN, }
EDWARD G. LYNES, } *Deacons of the Church.*

N. B. The Council will meet at Porter's Hotel, at 9½;
Services commence at 10 o'clock.

Cars will leave Fitchburg Depot at 9 o'clock.

The following Churches have been invited :

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Brighton, | Rev. F. A. WHITNEY. |
| (2) Charlestown, | Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS. |
| (3) Somerville, | Rev. A. R. POPE. |
| (4) Cambridgeport, | Rev. J. F. W. WARE. |
| (5) East Cambridge, | Rev. F. W. HOLLAND. |
| (6) Lee Street. | |
| (7) Cambridge, | Rev. Dr. NEWELL. |
| (8) Woburn, | Rev. J. M. MARSTERS. |
| (9) West Cambridge, | Rev. S. A. SMITH. |
| (10) Watertown. | |
| (11) Dorchester, | Rev. RICHARD PIKE. |
| (12) Charlestown, N. H., | Rev. Dr. CROSBY. |
| (13) Hingham, | Rev. C. LINCOLN. |
| (14) Medfield, | Rev. R. D. BURR. |
| (15) Bath, | Rev. RICHARD METCALF. |
| (16) Boston South Cong'l, | Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON. |
| (17) Hollis Street, | Rev. T. S. KING. |
| (18) First Church, | Rev. RUFUS ELLIS. |
| (19) North Church, | Rev. A. B. FULLER. |
| (20) Boston Second Ch., | Rev. C. ROBBINS. |
| (21) Pitts St. Chapel, | Rev. S. H. WINKLEY. |
| (22) Chambers St. Church, | Rev. Dr. BARRETT. |
| (23) Bulfinch St. Church, | Rev. F. T. GRAY. |
| (24) Christian Church, | Rev. E. EDMUNDS. |
| (25) Secretary A. U. A., | Rev. CHARLES BRIGGS. |
| (26) Mt. Pleasant Church, | Rev. WM. R. ALGER. |
| (27) Cambridge, H. C., | Rev. Dr. WALKER. |
| (28) Cambridge, H. C., | Rev. Dr. NOYES. |
| (29) Sandwich, | Rev. J. G. FORMAN. |
| (30) | Rev. ADAMS AYER. |

(31)		Rev. WM. O. MOSELEY.
(32)	Augusta,	Rev. L. G. WARE.
(33)		Rev. J. I. T. COOLIDGE.
(34)	Jamacia Plain,	Rev. G. REYNOLDS.
(35)	West Dedham,	Rev. Mr. LOCKE.
(36)	North Chelsea,	Rev. Mr. POND.
(37)	Cambridge,	Rev. Dr. C. FRANCIS.
(38)	Boston,	Rev. Dr. FROTHINGHAM.

The Council met at Porter's Hotel at 9½ o'clock. Rev. Dr. JAMES WALKER was chosen Moderator, and Rev. FREDERIC A. WHITNEY was elected Scribe. The usual credentials were demanded of the Candidate.

One question alone was asked, viz.:—

"What do you think of Christ?" To which this reply was given, viz.:—

When Christ speaks, God speaks.

Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON then said, "I move we proceed to the Ordination." This motion was carried, after which the Rev. FREDERIC A. WHITNEY, of Brighton, Mass., was chosen to deliver the "Right Hand of Fellowship," in the name of the Council.

Services at the Church at 10 o'clock, as follows, viz.:—

Order of Services at the Ordination of CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE, as Pastor of the Allen Street Church, in Cambridge, on Monday, December 11, 1854.

(1) Voluntary.

(2) Hymn. *Montgomery.*

"We bid thee welcome in the name
Of Jesus, our exalted head:
Come as a servant, so he came;
And we receive thee in his stead.

"Come as a teacher sent from God,
Charged His whole counsel to declare,
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold thy hands with prayer.

"Come as a messenger of peace
Filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
Live to behold our large increase
And die to meet us all above."

(3) Introductory Prayer. REV. DR. NOYES.

(4) Selections from Bible. REV. DR. NOYES.

(5) Hymn. REV. F. D. HUNTINGTON.

"O thou, in whose eternal name
Went forth the Apostle's ardent host,
Baptize as with the hallowed flame
That fell from Heaven at Pentecost.

"The fearless faith that cries "Repent,"
Thy servant's earnest message fill;
By Thee the living word was sent,
Thy presence make it living still.

"And while thy people bend and pray
Towards thy benignant throne of light,
Give answer in the dawning day
Of Freedom, Mercy, Truth and Right.

"Father, whose heavenly kingdom lies
In every meek, believing breast,
Reveal before thy children's eyes
That kingdom's coming, and its rest.

"Give thy son's herald from above,
The anointing of thy spirit's breath,
The faith that worked in Christ by love,
The truth that triumphed in his death."

(6) Sermon. Rev. T. S. KING.

(7) Prayer of Ordination. Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON.

(8) Hymn. LONGFELLOW.

"O God, thy children gathered here,
Thy blessing now we wait;
Thy servant girded for his work,
Stands at the temple's gate.

"A holy purpose in his heart
Has deepened calm and still;
Now from his childhood's Nazareth,
He comes to do thy will.

"O Father, keep his soul alive
To every hope of good;
And may his life of love proclaim
Man's truest brotherhood!

"O Father, keep his spirit quick,
To every form of wrong;
And in the ear of sin and self
May his rebuke be strong!

"And as he does Christ's footsteps press,
If e'er his faith grow dim,
Then in the dreary wilderness
Thine angels strengthen him."

- (9) Charge. Rev. Dr. WALKER.
- (10) Right Hand of Fellowship. Rev. F. A. WHITNEY.
- (11) Address to the Society. Rev. RUFUS ELLIS.
- (12) Concluding Prayer. Rev. A. B. FULLER.

Benediction by the Pastor.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

1884.

THE following circular has been issued to a large number of clergymen and laymen:—

Church at Harrison Square.

WELCOME all to the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of

CALEB D. BRADLEE,

Dec. 11, 1884. 6—9. 1854—30—1884.

The Clergymen officiating at the Ordination in 1854, were:

Rev. Dr. and Prof. NOYES, of Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. T. STARR KING, of Boston, Mass.; Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON, of Boston, Mass.; Rev. F. A. WHITNEY, of Brighton, Mass.; Rev. RUFUS ELLIS, of Boston, Mass.; Rev. ARTHUR B. FULLER, of Boston, Mass.; Rev. Dr. JAMES WALKER, President of Harvard College.

The only survivors are:—

Rt. Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON, D.D., Bishop of Central New York; and Rev. Dr. RUFUS ELLIS, of Boston, Mass.

30. 1854. Dec. 11th, 1884.

C. D. BRADLEE.

Poem by Miss Sophia B. Ricord, of Newark, N. J., daughter of Judge Ricord.

“O Lord, to Thee, we raise
Our hearts in prayer and praise;
Be Thou our Guide!
Let Thy good word increase,
May all our courts be peace,
Love then shall never cease,
With us abide.

“Bless now Thy servant, Lord,
On him Thy grace be poured,
For him we pray!
Make Thou his light to shine,
Bright in this house of Thine,
May he our hearts incline
In Thy good way.

“Bless Thou Thy church below,
Help us Thy truth to show,
With heart and voice!
Glad may our welcome be,
To him here called of Thee;
Give to us, Lord, that he
In us rejoice.

“Our God, to Thee we bring,
Heartfelt, the praise we sing,
For Thy dear Son!
In Him, we Father say,
Christ who arose! our Stay;
Spirit of light alway,
Praise we in one!”

LETTERS, &c. RECEIVED.

From Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., Bishop of Central New York.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 2, 1884.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

Your very kind remembrance of me in your hour of joy and gratitude touches my heart.

Most sincerely do I wish you, and all about you, and dear to you, a Feast of true gladness and future years of fruitful work.

Faithfully and affectionately,

(Signed)

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

From Hon. Prof. and Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

296 BEACON STREET, Nov. 28, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I cannot be with you, I fear, on the evening of Dec. 11th. I need not assure you of my cordial good wishes, and my hope that the occasion will prove as happy as a cheerful faith and the memory of long and faithful services can make it.

Believe me, dear Mr. Bradlee,

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

*From Dr. and Prof. C. C. Everett, Dean of Cambridge
Divinity School.*

REV. C. D. BRADLEE,
MY DEAR SIR,—

I congratulate you on the pleasant Anniversary that is before you.

It would give me pleasure I am sure to be present at it, but regret that it will be hardly possible.

Very truly,
(Signed)

C. C. EVERETT.

CAMBRIDGE, NOV. 24, 1884.

From Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, of Portland, Maine, Ex-President of Harvard College.

738 CONGRESS STREET,
PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 2, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I thank you for your very kind and cordial invitation to the 30th Anniversary of your ordination on the 11th inst., and am sorry that I shall not be able to leave Portland at that time.

You recall to me very precious memories of the days when you were settled at North Cambridge, and I at Waltham.

If I live a year longer, to Dec. 24, 1885, it will be forty years since I took up the work that you have now been manfully laboring at for thirty.

I therefore can understand the mingled emotions with which you look back over the three decades; how solemnly you rejoice at what you have accomplished, how reverently you thank God for the opportunities He has given you, how humbly you confess before Him the weaknesses and shortcomings and imperfections of your holiest services, how serenely you trust in his promises of forgiveness through

Christ, our Lord, with what chastened joy and undying hope you look forward to a reunion with the saints, in the presence of their Lord, before the throne of the Heavenly Father.

May He still preserve and keep you; grant you, and the people under your charge, still increasing favor and grace; and bring you all into the full blessings of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ever truly Yours,

(Signed) THOMAS HILL.

From Hon. Joseph Choate, of New York.

52 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

I congratulate you upon your long and useful ministry, and thank you very much for your most kind invitation to attend the celebration of its Thirtieth Anniversary, but I am very sorry to say that my professional engagements here make it impossible for me to accept.

I trust that your usefulness may be prolonged, and that I shall receive a similar invitation to your semi-centennial.

Most truly, your friend and classmate,

(Signed) JOSEPH H. CHOATE.

REV. C. D. BRADLEE.

*From Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, of Trinity Church, Boston,
Mass.*

233 CLARENDON STREET, BOSTON.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I send you my greeting on your anniversary, and wish you many happy, useful years.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) PHILLIPS BROOKS.

From William H. Baldwin, Esq., President of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union.

REV. C. D. BRADLEE.

DEAR FRIEND,—

Please accept thanks for the invitation received from you to be present at the 30th Anniversary of your Ordination, Dec. 11, of which I now make note, and hope to be able to be present with yourself and many of your friends.

Well do I remember the first time, you, as a young man, preached in the Unitarian Church, Brighton, my early home.

I have always remembered with what force of utterance you read the hymn:

"Ashamed of Jesus! Yes, I may
When I've no sins to wash away."

And now as I read your printed invitation, I recall the faces and the expression of those who took part in your Ordination in 1854, and sad, very sad, it is to feel that only *two* of the *seven* are now with us in the body.

And now with regards, and best wishes for your continued health, happiness, and prosperity,

I remain, very truly yours,

(Signed) WM. H. BALDWIN.

From Rev. Dr. J. H. Means, of Dorchester, Mass.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I am much obliged to you for the invitation to the Anniversary of your ordination.

Did not the state of my health prevent, I should be present to offer my congratulations.

May many useful and happy years remain to you.

Cordially Yours,

(Signed) J. H. MEANS.

DORCHESTER, Nov. 29, 1884.

From Charles U. Cotting, Esq., Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, NOV. 17, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Please accept my thanks for the copy of Miss Ricord's poem on the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination, which I have read with much interest and can appreciate your gratification in receiving.

I did not realize before you had been in the ministry so long.

Wishing you a great many more anniversaries—I cannot quite say another thirty—

Remain, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) CHARLES U. COTTING.

From Rev. Dr. Henry J. Fox, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairhaven, Mass.

DEAR DR. BRADLEE,—

Many thanks for the verses.¹ I say Amen, a good rousing Methodist Amen—to the prayer of the poetess.

Yours truly,

(Signed) HENRY J. FOX.

From Rev. E. H. Hall, Pastor of the First Church, Cambridge, Mass.

Many thanks for your kind invitation for the 11th. I should like much to be there and offer my congratulations, and I shall come if not prevented.

What a 'veteran you are!

Yours ever,

(Signed) E. H. HALL.

¹ Poem of Miss Ricord.

From Rev. D. M. Wilson, of Quincy, Mass.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
QUINCY, MASS., Dec. 3, 1884.

MY DEAR FRIEND BRADLEE,—

I have received notice of the approach of the 30th anniversary of your ordination to the Christian ministry and invitation to the celebration of it which is to take place the 11th inst.

I need hardly write you that I with great pleasure accept the invitation, and think the occasion of it to be solemn in its suggestiveness, and yet containing that about which there well may be rejoicing.

Some fifteen years of that ministry of thirty years I have intimate knowledge of.

I was brought into pleasant relations with you when first I began to study for the ministry. I taught in the Sunday School of one of the Churches over which you were settled. I have sat under your preaching and have enjoyed the intercourse of your study, and now it is with entire satisfaction that I take advantage of this opportunity to tell you how much I have gained from your ministry and how highly I esteem it.

Your kind counsel, the example of your accurate and strict devotion to your duties, your healing, comforting and encouraging pulpit and pastoral administrations have been helpful to me in many ways, as they must have been to the thousands who have heard your words or in any manner have come under your influence.

May the thirty years of devoted service lengthen to fifty, and further multitudes find reason to rejoice in the Christian ministry.

Hoping to see you soon and talk the matter over face to face,

I remain, very truly yours,

(Signed) D. M. WILSON.

*From Rev. M. J. Savage, Pastor of the Church of the Unity,
Boston, Mass.*

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Unfortunately I shall be away at the time of your anniversary.

On Wednesday I start west for a ten days missionary tour.

I wish you a happy one this time; and many more in the future.

(Signed) M. J. SAVAGE.

*From Rev. Dr. Rufus Ellis, Pastor of the First Church,
Boston, Mass.*

Nov. 19.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I know of nothing which can prevent my accepting of your very kind invitation to be present with you on the 30th anniversary. It will give me much pleasure so to do, and I am glad to be so remembered by my life-long friend, and the son of my honored and beloved parishioners.

Most truly yours,

(Signed) RUFUS ELLIS.

*From Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale, Pastor of South Congregational
Church, Boston, Mass.*

39 HIGHLAND ST., ROXBURY,
MASS., Dec. 2, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

I ought to have answered your kind invitation sooner, but waited to be sure I should be free on the 11th. Now I can accept, with pleasure.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. E. HALE.

From Miss M. A. Wales, 19 Brimmer Street.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Though I shall not be able to be present at your Anniversary Celebration, I thank you for kindly inviting me.

I have no doubt it will be an interesting occasion.

It hardly seems possible to me that you have been settled thirty years.

Yours truly,

(Signed) MARY ANNE WALES.

*From Rev. Wm. H. Lyon, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church,
Roxbury, Boston, Mass.*

58 CEDAR ST., ROXBURY.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I am much obliged to you for your kind invitation for the 11th. I should enjoy coming, but I am now housed with a cold and consequences, which the doctor warns me to expect to be of several days duration. I shall have to be extremely careful.

But I take great pleasure in sending congratulations to you upon your thirty years of ministry, and my hope that many years may yet be added to such earnest work.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. H. LYON.

Dec. 3, 1884.

From Mr. Geo. H. Wetherell, of Boston, Mass.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Many thanks for remembering me, and allow me to extend to you my sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) G. H. WETHERELL.

From Henry G. Denny, Esq., of Boston, Mass.

12 PEMBERTON SQUARE, NOV. 22, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

I thank you for the verses, which I have read with pleasure.

It is hard to believe that more than a generation has passed since our college days.

Always heartily yours,

(Signed) HENRY G. DENNY.

Rev. CALEB D. BRADLEE.

From Hon. George William Curtis, LL.D.

WEST NEW BRIGHTON,
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—

I thank you sincerely for your kindness in sending me the invitation to the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination, and I wish you joy upon the interesting occasion.

Truly yours,

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.

Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

From Miss Dorothy L. Dix, the world renowned philanthropist.

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, NOV. 27, 1884.

My sincere congratulations on the happy occasion which gathers your friends and the members of your Church and Society to bid you "Good Cheer," and listen with new interest to the voice of instruction.

(Signed) D. L. DIX.

From Hon. Curtis Guild.

THE COMMERCIAL BULLETIN
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Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I congratulate you on the approaching 30th anniversary, and can hardly realize the fact of your having been in the ministry so long.

You must have been ordained when quite young.

With best wishes, and the hope that so faithful a servant may long be spared to do the Master's work,

I remain, yours, very truly,

(Signed) CURTIS GUILD.

Extract from a Letter received from Mrs. Richard Pike, of Boston, Mass.

Let me congratulate you, as I do, *most heartily*, upon your thirty years of active service.

Very sincerely your friend,

(Signed) F. W. A. PIKE.

From Professor and Dr. George C. Shattuck.

6 NEWBURY ST., Nov. 28, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I thank you for the invitation to attend the anniversary of the ordination.

It is a very interesting occasion, and if I can be there, I will

Please accept my best wishes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) GEO. C. SHATTUCK.

From Rev. R. C. Waterston, of Boston, Mass.

71 CHESTER SQ., Nov. 28, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I heartily thank you for your kind remembrance and for counting me among the friends who would feel a sincere interest in the important anniversary which you and your many friends have celebrated,—the 30th anniversary of your ordination. Can it be 30 years?

Of that list of names, then the leading among their time, how many have gone! I knew them all—knew them, and honored and loved them—yes, and I honor and love them still, and I may say more and more. They did a great and good work, and have gone into that Heavenly Kingdom into which they led and directed so many others.

Thirty years filled with good words and deeds—and may you have thirty more, in which may your light shine more and more unto the perfect day. That God's blessings may rest upon you now and always, is the prayer of

Most truly your friend,

(Signed) R. C. WATERSTON.

From Rev. Wm. C. Leverett, of Carlisle, Pa.

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY, CARLISLE, PA.,

Nov. 22, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

Thanks for the copy of the beautiful lines written for your anniversary on Dec. 11th, the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination.

It hardly seems possible.

Accept my cordial congratulations on all that you have accomplished and enjoyed in these thirty years, and my sincerest good wishes for many more years of usefulness and happiness.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) WM. C. LEVERETT.

From Mr. Charles T. Deblois, of Boston, Mass.

Dec. 2, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Am much obliged to you for invitation received for your 30th Anniversary, Dec. 11th.

I hope to have the pleasure of being present and joining in the congratulations on that occasion.

With best regards,

I remain, yours truly,

(Signed) C. T. DEBLOIS.

Extract from a Letter received from Mrs. Dr. J. Crosby.

DEAR SIR,—

I shall not be able to attend the anniversary of the 11th.

Thanks and good wishes for your pleasant day, and many blessings attend you for many years to come.

(Signed) E. A. CROSBY.

From Mrs. Anna M. Bradlee.

DEAR "BROTHER,"—

Do pardon my neglect in delaying to answer your kind invitation to join the multitude who will congratulate you on thirty years of peace, prosperity, and usefulness; we all unite in spirit, and join in heartfelt best wishes for the future good work—also for the home prosperity of you and yours—but I find a meeting of the Roxbury Latin School at our own house will detain us at home on that same day.

So bidding you all God speed—

I am hastily but cordially,

(Signed) ANNA M. BRADLEE.

65 HIGHLAND STREET, Dec. 5.

From Rev. C. R. Eliot.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I thank you for your kind invitation to be present at your anniversary meeting.

I will most certainly come, unless something unforeseen prevents.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

From Rev. Charles F. Dole, of Jamacia Plain, Mass.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Thank you for your kind invitation. Many congratulations to you and your people, and good wishes for many happy years more.

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHARLES F. DOLE.

From Rev. Henry W. Foote, Pastor of King's Chapel, Boston, Mass.

25 BRIMMER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Nov. 29, 1884.

DEAR BRO. BRADLEE,—

Accept my thanks for the reminder of your ordination which you have kindly sent me.

I fear that I shall be prevented by other engagements from being present at the celebration of your 30th anniversary on Dec. 11th, but I send my hearty good wishes and congratulations on your attaining so marked a point in the ministerial dignity of years and faithful service in the Master's vineyard.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) HENRY W. FOOTE.

From Rev. Amos Smith, of Belmont, Mass.

BELMONT, Nov. 24, 1884.

DEAR BROTHER BRADLEE,—

Thanks for the poem. Thirty years (almost an average life-time) of conscientious, faithful, and fruitful toil (but toil which poetically has been rest, for rest is the fitting of self to its sphere) in the Christian ministry,—which is your proud record; and *who* can produce a fairer or nobler one?

Warm appreciation, cheers, congratulations, love, every best wish, are hereby sent to thee, by

Ever thy attached friend,

(Signed) AMOS SMITH.

Do not fail to invite me to your semi-centennial.

A. S.

From Dr. and Prof. M. Wyman.

CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 28, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Please accept my thanks for your kind remembrance in sending me the notice of the 30th Anniversary of your Ordination.

It must be a most pleasing reflection that you have been blest with so long and happy a pastorage.

It is most fitting that this anniversary should be kept as you propose. May it bring together hosts of your friends to aid you in enjoying it.

With ever joint kind regards and congratulations to you all,

As ever sincerely,

(Signed) MORRILL WYMAN.

*Extract from a letter received from Rev. Nath'l Seaver, Jr.,
of Scituate, Mass., a former Pastor of the
Harrison Square Church.*

MY DEAR BRO. BRADLEE,—

I congratulate you upon reaching your thirtieth mile-stone with a good record and with increasing credit to yourself.

Cordially, yours,

(Signed) SEAVER.

From Hon. Judge Benjamin Pond, of East Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 5, 1884.

DEAR BRADLEE,—

I have received your cordial invitation to be present at your Church, on the 11th inst.

I will endeavor to be at Church or Vestry.

Yours truly,

(Signed) BENJ. POND.

From Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D.

90 MARLBOROUGH STREET, Dec. 8, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—

It will not be in my power to attend the services to which you so kindly invite me on the 11th inst.

But I thank you sincerely for your kindly remembrance, and congratulate you cordially on your having reached the 30th Anniversary of your Ordination.

Hoping that many more years of valuable service are in store for you,

I remain respectfully and truly yours,

(Signed) ROBERT C. WINTHROP.

REV. CALEB D. BRADLEE.

*From Edward Judson, Pastor of the Berean Baptist Church,
New York, N. Y.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

I thank you for so kindly remembering me with an invitation to the anniversary.

I remain, yours sincerely,

(Signed) EDWARD JUDSON.

*From Rev. Alfred Manchester, Pastor of the Olney Street
Church, Providence, R. I.*

30 PRATT STREET,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I hope to attend the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination on Thursday evening next.

Please accept my congratulations upon having completed this well rounded period of ministerial labor.

How many have been cheered, encouraged, and comforted, in the hundreds of homes where you have been so closely associated with those who have called upon you to share their joys and sorrows for a score and a half of years.

It is right that I should feel a special interest in the approaching celebration.

For more than half the time covered by your ministry, I have been a member of that parish,—that is so much wider than the bounds of any one society,—which claims you as its minister.

You have great reason to rejoice in your influence over a number of young men of whom I count myself fortunate to be one.

Long may you live to preach that blessed religion of our Master, which is broader than all sects and able to satisfy the human need!

Yours very truly,

(Signed) ALFRED MANCHESTER.

From William H. Ladd, Esq., Principal of Chauncy-Hall School.

CHAUNCY-HALL SCHOOL,
259 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

It will give me great pleasure to be present at your anniversary on Dec. 11th if possible, although I may be unavoidably detained.

I have peculiar cause to be glad in your long and successful ministry, since my own grateful remembrance of your helpful acts and friendly intercourse dates back even beyond the time when you began publicly your service to others.

With heartiest congratulations and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) WM. H. LADD.

From Rev. James De Normandie, Pastor of the First Church, Roxbury, Mass.

HOMER PLACE, ROXBURY.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Your kind invitation to that rare event in these days, the thirtieth anniversary of one's settlement over a parish,* finds me already engaged by a reception in my own parish.

It would be a real pleasure to join many friends—but you cannot prevent my joining them in all good wishes.

Shall I wish you thirty years more in the same field?

If you have a celebration then, I shall come, even if it is my evening to be at home to my own parish.

Most truly yours,

(Signed) JAMES DE NORMANDIE.

* Not thirty years over a parish, but thirty years since my ordination as a minister.

From Rev. Francis C. Williams, of Roxbury, Mass.

ROXBURY, Dec. 8, 1884.

Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I have received the printed programme of the 30th anniversary of your ordination, and, if possible, I shall be present at the Harrison Square Church at such time as the newspapers shall mention. But, lest I should not, I beg to congratulate you on your ministerial work for thirty years, and to express my fervent hope that it may continue for many more in the Lord's vineyard.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) FRANCIS C. WILLIAMS.

From Mr. Horace S. Fowle, of Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Nothing but sickness or a very important engagement would keep me from being present at the most happy occasion next Thursday eve, yet I am to be kept away by the latter circumstance, which I am very sorry to announce.

But I wish to offer my congratulations now, and may the future have in store for you as many or more opportunities for doing good and for the consciousness of having afforded comfort and happiness to as many or more souls as the past.

What more acceptable wish can I offer to one who is all the time awake to give encouragement and joy to those who need it?

God bless you, my kind friend, and may I never forget the assistance you gave me in finding what there is in this world worth living for, and how to obtain it,—viz., a self-sacrificing life.

Sincerely and faithfully,

(Signed) HORACE S. FOWLE.

From Mrs. M. Hammond.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Please excuse my delay in replying to your kind invitation to attend your anniversary on Thursday.

I assure you it will give me much pleasure to listen to you again.

I only wish our dear daughter felt equal to the effort.

With kind regards, I remain,

Your sincere friend,

(Signed) M. HAMMOND.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 7, 1884.

From Rev. J. M. Mursters, of North Cambridge, Mass.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—

Most hearty congratulations over the Anniversary. It calls up a troop of sweet memories. Our friendship of over thirty years ago. The hospitalities of your home, with its pleasant family. The college, with its aspirations. The Allen Street Church, with your faithful ministry, the eloquence of Starr King, and all the families who have grateful memories of you. These are beautiful glasses, that color that past with a rich glow. And the colors fall on you.

Would, my old friend, that during those thirty years, you had staid upon this spot. Then the Allen Street Church would have been alive; and, moreover, prosperous and large. We would have seen these hundred houses and homes bearing witness to your good work. For you were made by the great Fates to be a minister. God has given you a gentle and sympathizing nature, and this kind of nature wins the world for God. Would, I repeat, that you had staid!

I would have liked to be with you last evening.*

* A slight mistake. The Anniversary was not appointed for Sunday evening, but for Thursday evening.

Every good word that was said for you would have come from my heart also. But I am old and weak, and for the most part creep round the few squares of North Cambridge.

But God bless you and yours, my dear Caleb Davis Bradlee.

Believe me when I say there is warmth and fondness in my heart for you.

May the Infinite mercies, as in all the past, guide you to the true, the fair, the excellent.

Affectionately and ever yours,

(Signed) J. M. MARSTERS.

From Rev. Dr. Elias Nason, of North Billerica, Mass.

NORTH BILLERICA, Dec. 5, 1884.

MY DEAR B.—

Please accept my very cordial acknowledgments for the poem, sweet and pure, and for the notice of the anniversary.

I send you a hearty "God bless you!" in all your life's current, which, I rejoice to see, grows deeper and stronger as it flows on.

Ever truly thine,

(Signed) ELIAS NASON.

From Rev. Dr. Rufus P. Stebbins, of Newton, Mass.

NEWTON CENTRE, Dec. 6, 1884.

MY BROTHER IN CHRIST,—

Accept my most hearty congratulations on the happy conclusion of a successful ministry of thirty years.

Pleasant as is the memory of the past, may the future add both to the number and preciousness of your services and their reward.

In Christian sympathy, fraternally yours,

(Signed) RUFUS P. STEBBINS.

From Rev. Prof. Charles T. Canfield, of Cambridge, Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 8, 1884.

DEAR CALEB,—

I have received the printed circular welcoming all to the 30th Anniversary of your ordination.

I have no printed circular to send in response, and very little time to write. But neither type nor pen can convey the memories and the sympathies the occasion awakens.

May I not say, without feeling or conveying gloom, that I see a shadowy procession, only shadowy because unseen by outward vision, of those who have lived with you and me, but now live in the great beyond, in the life that is eternal?

You will recall many of them for they were near to you, and I recall their goodness and their worth, while I remember yours.

For many kindnesses in all these years I am your grateful debtor, and I am doubtless but one among many.

I have only wishes as kind for the future as my recollections of the past are pleasant and grateful.

For you and yours,

I am ever gratefully, yours,

(Signed) CHAS. T. CANFIELD.

From Thomas Cushing, Esq.

170 NEWBURY STREET, Dec. 8, 1884.

DEAR CALEB,—

I do not feel quite certain whether your 30 year celebration is at your Church in Harrison Square, or at your house. If not too much trouble please drop me a line to quiet my mind, as I hope to be there, and oblige

Very truly, your friend,

(Signed) THOMAS CUSHING.

P. S. Bishop Huntington was once my neighbor, and Dr Ellis is a Chauncy-Hall Boy.

From Rev. F. N. Knapp, of Plymouth, Mass.

PLYMOUTH, MASS., Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—

Thanks for your kindness in sending invitation for Dec. 11th.

Wish I could join you, but I am tied by my boys.

If you have as refreshing a time as your good services claim for you, all there will rejoice.

Sincerely,

(Signed) F. N. KNAPP.

From Rev. William H. Savary, of Canton, Mass.

CANTON, Dec. 10, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

It is very kind and polite in you to send me a "Welcome," to your anniversary of ordination.

Wish I could be there to help swell the greetings.

If I do not come, I hope to have the pleasure of coming some day to call on you in Boston.

Yours, most fraternally,

(Signed) WM. H. SAVARY.

From Dr. S. H. Hurd,

SKANEATELES, NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR CALEB,—

Thank you very much for the invitation notice to your ordination anniversary festival. It would afford me sincere pleasure to be present on Thursday next. I could heartily unite with the audience in observation of a celebration in honor of one of my long time friends.

You speak in your letter of only happy associations and

memories of the 30 years reminiscence. "Life is indeed what we make it." Every one has, without exception, trials, real, or fancied; crosses to bear in some form; ill-health, poverty, self-sacrifice; afflictions, common or uncommon, to meet. I am sure you cannot have been exempt from your share, yet, if like yourself, one gazes only at the blessings, the joys, the pleasures, the privileges, the advantages, the virtues of Divine beauty, it tells a volume of commendation, and of Christian character; it shows a life of work, industry, patience, hearty labor; in a word, of earnestness—and earnestness of purpose is a trait prominent among the virtues.

Permit me then to offer the 11th of December, my congratulations for the past, and for the present, and every friendly wish for the future.

Will you please send me a printed account of the exercises.

As always, very sincerely yours,

(Signed) SAM'L H. HURD.

From Miss Ann L. Gay, of Boston, Mass.

DEAR CALE,—

Reading the welcome to the 30th Anniversary of your Ordination carries me back to that event which was so important in your early life. I was present with other members of our family who were deeply interested in the exercises of that day, which was to usher you into a new life and new duties.

These duties have been faithfully performed, and I feel that your friends can look back upon the record with sincere satisfaction. Were I able I should wish to be present at this week's recognition of your work during these years that have passed.

But if I cannot be with you at the Church, my sympathy and love will be with you during the hours you pass with the friends that can be present.

(Signed) ANN L. GAY.

From Miss S. B. Ricord, of Newark, New Jersey.

NEWARK, Dec. 10, 1884.

MY DEAR DR. BRADLEE,—

I believe I have waited awhile with my—what shall I say? *formal* congratulations, to you, that they may reach you upon the important eleventh itself.

I wish I might be in your Church to-morrow. and personally take a listener's part in the exercises.

I shall look, with impatience, for the report of all that is said and done.

Please take our warmest congratulations, and know we will have you in our thoughts and words to-morrow.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. B. RICORD.

From Rev. Frederic Hinckley, of Newburgh, N. Y., a former Pastor of H. S. Church.

NEWBURGH, N. Y.

MR. EDWIN J. LEWIS, Jr., CLERK, &c.,—

Your kind invitation to the 30th Anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Mr. Bradlee, your present pastor, has reached me here, where I have been residing for a year past.

The distance from Dorchester and my engagements here will prevent my being present as I should very much like to be.

Please give my heartiest fraternal congratulations to Mr. Bradlee on his reaching so notable and pleasant a commemoration. and to the Harrison Square Society also in connection with himself, over the pleasant relations subsisting between them, so long maintained, and I trust to be long continued.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FREDERIC HINCKLEY.

From Rev. Sam'l H. Winkley, of Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR BRO. BRADLEE,—

I am very sorry I cannot indulge myself with the luxury of being present with you at your anniversary, but so it is.

May the Good Father abundantly bless you in all your private and public life to the end of this journey, and give you your heart's desire in the grand re-unions of the Beyond.

Affectionately, your Bro. ever,

(Signed) S. H. WINKLEY.

*From Rev. Professor Henry C. Badger, a former Pastor of
H. S. Church.*

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 8, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. LEWIS,—

Please return for me, in an informal way, my hearty thanks to the members of the Harrison Square Church and congregation for their kind remembrance of me as conveyed in your note of invitation of Dec. 3d.

How glad I should be could I be with you on this happy occasion!

And how tempered would my gladness be with the pain of gentle regrets as I questioned of this one and that one whom Heaven has removed from your immediate fellowship during the ten years gone by.

And it is this—besides the ties that confine me here—which forbids my coming to partake of a cup *to me* so mingled.

Please extend my cordial greetings and congratulations to my friend Rev. Mr. Bradlee on this happy occasion.

May the anniversary many times dawn again on his beneficent ministry.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY C. BADGER.

From Rev. Geo. H. Young, of Boston, Mass.

109 COLUMBIA ST.,
DORCHESTER, Dec. 10, 1884. .

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Thanks for your invitation to your celebration of the 30th anniversary. I should be very glad to attend if it were possible, but a meeting in my church will deprive me of that pleasure.

The remembrance of thirty years in the ministry gives you much that is precious for your gathering,

Your friends will be glad to hope that you may be spared for another thirty years of effective labor.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) GEO. H. YOUNG.

From the Boston Evening Traveller, Dec. 10, 1884.

REV. CALEB D. BRADLEE.

To-morrow evening the parishioners and friends of this gentleman will meet in the Church at Harrison Square to observe the 30th anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry. The following clergymen officiated at his ordination in 1854:—Rev. Dr. Noyes, Rev. T. Starr King, Rev. F. D. Huntington, Rev. F. A. Whitney, Rev. Rufus Ellis, Rev. A. B. Fuller, Rev. Dr. James Walker, President of Harvard College. The only survivors are Rt. Rev. Bishop F. D. Huntington, D.D., of Central New York, and Rev. Rufus Ellis, of Boston. During the three years the late Rev. W. H. Cudworth was absent at the war, Mr. Bradlee ministered to his people and was eminently successful in keeping them united, and by increasing their numbers, so that when Mr. Cudworth returned he found a full church and a Sunday school composed of 500 pupils and teachers; and

in addition to this the church was not only free from debt but had money in the treasury.

He calmed the feelings which had been excited by the war, harmonized the people by his kindly and judicious ministrations, and surrendered his charge to Mr. Cudworth, accompanied by the love and gratitude of the whole society.

This anniversary bids fair to be a season of enjoyment by his numerous friends as well as by himself. The Unitarians of East Boston will be represented there by some of their leading members, and will no doubt give expression to the high esteem in which he is held by them.

From Miss H. Wiggin, East Boston, Mass.

189 WEBSTER ST., Dec. 10, 1884.

DEAR FRIEND,—

We thank you for your ever kind remembrance of us.

Though absent in the body at the anniversary exercises of your ordination, be assured we shall be present in the spirit, and we wish for you and all interested a very pleasant occasion.

Yours truly,

(Signed) HARRIETTE WIGGIN.

From Rev. William P. Tilden, of Meadville, Pa.

MEADVILLE, Dec. 11, 1884.

DEAR BRO. BRADLEE,—

Hail, and congratulations, that you have reached the thirtieth anniversary of your ordination to the Christian ministry.

May the Dear Father, if it be his sweet will, give you thirty years more to work on in the ever blessed cause of redeeming love, crowning all the years with His own benediction.

In sympathy with your joyous service to-night, and with
love to your family and parish, as well as yourself,

I am yours, very truly,

(Signed) W. P. TILDEN.

From the Boston Evening Traveller, Dec. 13, 1884.

THIRTY YEARS A MINISTER.

The church at Harrison Square, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. D. Bradlee, entertained a large company Thursday evening at a celebration of the anniversary of the ordination of their pastor.

A bountiful repast was provided by the ladies of the society, and both the vestry and audience room of the church were elaborately decorated. Supper was served at about a quarter before seven. Grace was said by the Rev. Dr. Rufus Ellis, one of the two survivors of those who were present and took part in Mr. Bradlee's ordination.

Among the ministers present were noticed Rev. E. E. Hale, who for thirty years has been an intimate friend of Mr. Bradlee's, Rev. Alfred Manchester, Rev. D. M. Wilson, and Rev. Mr. Green, who have been closely related with Mr. Bradlee for fifteen years, and others well known in the ministry, and also many distinguished laymen.

Services in the church commenced at about eight o'clock, and were as follows:—Voluntary on the organ; anthem, by a special choir; invocation by the pastor; hymn, by Miss Ricord, to the tune of "America"; prayer by Rev. C. R. Eliot; anthem by the choir.

Addresses by Rev. Dr. Rufus Ellis of the First Church of Boston; Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale, pastor of the South Congregational Church of Boston; the Rev. D. M. Wilson, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Quincy; the Rev. Alfred Manchester, pastor of the Olney street Congregational Church of Providence, R. I.; W. H. Baldwin, Esq., the

Rev. C. R. Eliot, and Thomas Cushing, Esq. These services were very interesting. The music was of a high order, and the poem by Miss Ricord was sung with the spirit that its merit demanded.

The addresses of the older men were full of touching allusions to the past, and of grateful appreciation of Mr. Bradlee's work in the ministry. Those of the younger men were tributes of gratitude and love for the kindly influence and generous helpfulness for which Mr. Bradlee has always been noted in his relations with young people.

About fifty letters were received from persons well known in the community in their varied professions, and the committee having them in charge being unable, for lack of time, to read them all, selected those from the following persons: Prof. Oliver Wendell Holmes, LL.D., Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D., Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, ex-president of Harvard College, Hon. George William Curtis, LL.D., Hon. Joseph Choate, Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, Rt. Rev. Dr. F. D. Huntington, Rev. Frederic Hinckley, Rev. Henry C. Badger.

Mr. Bradlee is a graduate of Chauncy Hall School, 1848, Harvard College, 1852, and during the thirty years of his professional life has received distinguished honors from many historical and literary societies, both in this country and in Europe.

*Account of the Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the
Ordination of C. D. BRADLEE, that took place at the
Church at Harrison Square, Dec. 11, 1884.*

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Between six and seven o'clock, the parishioners and friends of the Pastor of the Church assembled in large numbers in the Vestry for social intercourse; a bountiful collation was served for all present, the Rev. Dr. Rufus Ellis asking a blessing at the beginning of the feast.

At eight, the company went into the Church, and the services there were as follows, viz. :—

Voluntary upon the organ by Mr. Edwin T. Horne.

Anthem by the Choir.

Invocation by the Pastor of the Church.

A hymn written by Miss S. B. Ricord, of Newark, N. J., dedicated to the occasion, was eloquently read by Rev. Dr. Edward E. Hale, and the whole congregation standing, made the Church ring with the music, the words being sung to the tune of America.

After which Rev. C. R. Eliot, of the First Church, Dorchester, offered prayer.

Then followed a choice anthem by the Choir.

The speakers of the evening were introduced by the Pastor as follows :—

Rev. Dr. RUFUS ELLIS, Pastor of the First Church, Boston.

Rev. Dr. EDWARD E. HALE, Pastor of the South Congregational Church, Boston.

THOMAS CUSHING, Esq., of Boston.

WILLIAM H. BALDWIN, Esq., President of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union, Boston.

Rev. C. R. ELIOT, Pastor of the First Church, Dorchester.

Rev. D. M. WILSON, Pastor of the First Church, Quincy, Mass.

Rev. ALFRED MANCHESTER, Pastor of the Olney Street Congregational Society, of Providence, R. I.

Over fifty letters were received, and nine were read, although the Committee were sorry that all the correspondence could not be made public, but the lateness of the hour made the selection of a few an absolute necessity.

Mr. E. J. Lewis, Jr., Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Clerk of the Society, in behalf of the Committee, read the nine notes to which reference has been made, that were written by the following gentlemen:—Prof. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Rev. Dr. Thomas Hill, ex-president of Harvard College, Pastor of the First Parish, Portland, Me., Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, Pastor of Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, LL.D., of Boston, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, of New York, Hon. George William Curtis, of New York, Rev. Prof. Badger, of Cambridge, Mass., Rev. Frederic Hinckley, of Newburgh, New York.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale pronounced the benediction.

The ministers in their remarks touched generously upon various periods of the Pastor's life.

Dr. Ellis spoke of the early studies and sorrows. Dr. Hale of the work done for the Church. Thomas Cushing, Esq., of the boy from seven to seventeen. Wm. H. Baldwin, Esq., of the young preacher as he first heard him when he took his start in life. Rev. C. R. Eliot of the fellowship of the adjacent Church. Rev. D. M. Wilson of the influence given to his early studies by the words of the Pastor. Rev. Alfred Manchester of his long fellowship covering one half of the thirty years, and of the home life of the one he so much loved.

The whole spirit of the meeting was cheerful, happy, holy.

*Extract from the Sermon of C. D. BRADLEE, Pastor of the
Harrison Square Church, on Dec. 14, 1884, first
Sunday after the 30th Anniversary.*

SUBJECT:—The Coronations of Life. Text, Zech. 3. 5.
Let them set a fair mitre upon his head.

During the past week, you, my dear Parishioners, have generously, thoughtfully, prayerfully, set a mitre upon my head, the consecration of your good will on the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination, as a fresh benediction to me in all the future days that may be allotted to me for work; you have given me this mitre also at a time when many might say, I had a right to rest! How can I ever thank you enough for this fresh proof of your genial fellowship, your unshaken confidence, your true affection, your holiest wishes?

The greatest cloud that could possibly obscure this bright experience, was the absence of so many dear ones, who being clothed in spiritual bodies, could no longer extend their cordial greeting; but may it not be possible that they were present, invisible, but glorious; and making our joy all the more complete by some subtile influence that only angels can fully describe!

Perhaps, too, another cloud might be stated, *the cloud with a silver lining*, arising out of the too exuberant utterances of loving hearts and eloquent lips, that attempting to describe an actual *ecclesiastical* life of thirty years, painted the past in gorgeous colors, borrowing the brush of a "Rubens" or a "Vandyke," and really creating an ideal for me in the future, that the speakers, in their excitement, supposed was a true history of what had been already performed!

Put me down simply as one who has only, during all the past, been making feeble attempts, and call what you heard last Thursday evening that seemed extravagant, a rosy dream of what might have been, or a prophecy, of what, by God's grace, can be possible in the future, or, at any rate, call anything and everything that may have been accomplished

during the many years that I have stood in this pulpit, as only the echoes of your kindness, inspiration and love; and if I have any mitre on my head, *give the credit to my dear parishioners and to their unceasing devotion.*

LETTERS RECEIVED AFTER THE ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES HAD TAKEN PLACE.

From George W. Fox, Esq., Assistant Secretary of the American Unitarian Association.

ROOMS OF THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION,
7 TREMONT PLACE, BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 12, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I was very sorry not to be at your anniversary last evening, but the fact was my health was such yesterday that I did not think it safe to venture out.

I was all the more anxious to be present, because Mr. Reynolds being off at the West, my absence I feared would leave the A. U. A. unrepresented.

Another thing gives this anniversary of yours special interest to me. Your term of service in the ministry covers exactly mine in this office.

This year completes my thirtieth in the employ of this Association.

Then, too, I take not only a denominational interest in the grand success which has crowned your labors, so earnest and devoted, at Harrison Square, but as a resident of Dorchester, the home of my ancestors since the settlement of the town, I have rejoiced in that success.

Wishing you many more years of health and usefulness,

I am as ever, faithfully your friend,

(Signed) GEO. W. FOX.

From Rev. C. A. Bartol, Pastor of West Ch., Boston, Mass.

Dec. 12, 1884.

DEAR BROTHER,—

Another engagement I could not avoid, held me the night of your anniversary.

I think it is not too late to send you my congratulations, and cordial sympathy with best wishes and prayers for the prosperity of your work.

Ever truly yours,

(Signed) C. A. BARTOL.

From Mr. Samuel B. Doggett, of Boston, Mass.

HOLLIS, CORNER OF TREMONT ST.

BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1884.

Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

DEAR COUSIN,—

It was my intention to be present this evening in response to your polite family invitation to attend the anniversary at Harrison Square, and join with the many others who are doubtless at this moment offering you their congratulations and best wishes, but business having detained me until it was too late, I can but offer as a substitute a few words in writing.

An anniversary of one's work in the ministry, must become like a birthday—the achievement of another round in the ladder of life—a resting place for the moment, while one looks back over the years that have passed and forward with that feeling that was so well expressed by Milton—

“What in me is dark, illumine.”

Mother and Father join me in expressing their congratulations and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) SAMUEL B. DOGGETT.

MY DEAR COUSIN,—

I received the notice of your "Anniversary" you kindly sent—would have acknowledged it sooner, but have had very troublesome eyes and could not use them.

With love and good wishes,

Believe me yours, very sincerely,

(Signed) E. R. PORTER.

*From H. H. Lincoln, Esq., Principal of the Lyman School,
East Boston, Mass.*

EAST BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1884.

BRO. BRADLEE,—

I regret that I could not be with you last evening. I was there in spirit. When you have your golden ordination, please send for me if I am in these parts, and I will come if possible.

Hope you had a grand good time.

Wishing you all the friendly greetings of the coming holiday season,

I remain cordially yours,

(Signed) H. H. LINCOLN.

From Rev. A. T. Bowser, of Hingham, Mass.

HINGHAM, Dec. 11, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I regret exceedingly that I am unable to accept your kind invitation to meet with you this evening, and I herewith extend to you my hearty congratulations; and let me also wish for you another thirty years of health and work in the cause we have most at heart.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. T. BOWSER.

From Rev. Charles A. Humphreys, of Framingham, Mass.

FRAMINGHAM, Dec. 11, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Many thanks for the courtesy of the "Invitation" for to-night.

I hope you may have many more years of happy labor in the Master's vineyard.

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHARLES A. HUMPHREYS.

From Rev. J. H. Weeks, Walpole, Mass., formerly Pastor of the St. John's Universalist Church, Harrison Square.

WALPOLE, SATURDAY.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I regret, very much, my inability in the matter of attending your anniversary.

I had fully intended to be present, but I have been too unwell to go away for the evening.

With congratulations for your *vigorous youth*,

I am always yours,

(Signed) WEEKS.

From John Ward Dean, Esq., Librarian of New England Historic Genealogical Society.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

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SOCIETY'S HOUSE, 18 SOMERSET STREET,
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 12, 1884.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—

I am very sorry that I was not able to be present at the Harrison Square Church last evening at the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of your installation.

You and I have been friends for the greater part of the thirty years which have transpired since that event.

I have learned to respect you for your high moral and literary qualities, which with your devotions to the duties of your high profession have won for you golden opinions from all.

I have no doubt but that, had I been able to attend the meeting last evening, I should there have met mutual friends whose presence would have revived pleasant memories of the past.

May you live to the green old age which your parents attained, and be blessed with health, prosperity and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN WARD DEAN.

From Mrs. Anna C. Wright of Dorchester.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 12, 1884.

MY DEAR PASTOR,—

As I did not have the opportunity last evening to take you by the hand and offer congratulations upon the anniversary of so pleasant an occasion, I thought it would lose none of its heartiness, in forwarding a written expression a day later.

It must have been truly gratifying to have so many friends respond so cordially (particularly brethren of other denominations) by their presence or kind expressions of interest sent with regrets at their inability to participate.

It was a very happy occasion—worthy of a life time remembrance—"A perfect success in all its appointments," seems to be the general sentiment.

That you and yours may be spared to enjoy many happy returns of this pleasant anniversary, is the sincere wish (in which my family join) of your friend and parishioner,

(Signed) ANNA C. WRIGHT.

From Rev. B. F. Johnston, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Harrison Square.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 11, 1884.

MR. E. J. LEWIS.

DEAR SIR,—

I regret that a previous engagement prevents me from accepting your kind invitation to be present at the anniversary exercises to be held at your church this evening.

Will you be so kind as to convey to your Pastor my personal congratulations?

What an honor,—what a responsibility, to be for thirty years God's ambassador to men! May your Pastor be spared to you yet many years, and at last may He who sitteth on the throne, say to him, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) B. F. JOHNSTON.

From Hon. R. A. Brock, Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society.

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RICHMOND, Dec. 12, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Personally, I return an appreciative acknowledgment of your cordial bidding to the 30th Anniversary of your entrance upon your useful apostolic career.

I have known much through others and by printed evidences of your devotion and its fruitful results, and especially during the second of the three decades, the completion of which is now appropriately commemorated, of the true unalloyed spirit of brotherly love, unaffected by surrounding prejudices, with which you returned cordially to your former friendships in this unhappy section.

I mean no reflection upon any one in this retrospect. I have with just discrimination held in due regard my friends in your section through all. They were subject to influences and ties as I was.

If you and I could have had our way there would have been probably no fratricidal struggles to lament.

The Executive Committee of our Society will meet to-morrow, when I will submit to them your cordial summons.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) R. A. BROCK.

Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

From Duncan McLean, Esq., one of the Editors of the Boston Evening Traveller.

TRAVELLER OFFICE, BOSTON, Dec. 12, 1884.

DEAR BROTHER BRADLEE,—

I am glad you had such a good time.

In this world of care, where nothing doth endure but mutability, such occasions as your anniversary are pleasing and refreshing to all concerned,

That the closing years of your useful life may be years of peace and health,

Is the prayer of your friend,

(Signed) DUNCAN McLEAN.

KEENE, N. H.

MY DEAR Mr. BRADLEE,—

You know the circumstances which prevented my attendance at your "Thirtieth Anniversary." So many are drawn away from steady life work by the world's attractions, that he who continues laboring for others' welfare, during a generation, deserves more than the congratulations of his friends—even the fervent gratitude of all he serves. Wishing you many years of continuance, I remain, your lifelong friend,

(Signed)

EDW'D A. RENOUF.

ROOMS OF THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
NASHVILLE, Dec. 13, 1884.

REV. C. D. BRADLEE, BOSTON, MASS.

The Tennessee Historical Society takes pleasure in acknowledging the receipt from you of a copy of the invitation to the 30th anniversary of your ordination.

We congratulate you very sincerely upon the auspicious event, and pray the Lord to continue your life for many years to come, to do good for your fellow-men.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. A. CARTWRIGHT,
By Anson Nelsom.

From Rev. J. H. Wiggin, of Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, Dec. 13, 1884.

DEAR BRO. BRADLEE,—

I thank you for your kind invitation of the other day. Not only my engagements make acceptance impossible, but I am so totally outside of lines ecclesiastic that I rarely attend meetings of any sort.

I hear that you had a good time, and rejoice with you.

Your invariable professional courtesy deserves its reward.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. H. WIGGIN.

*From Rev. E. A. Horton, Pastor of the Second Church,
Boston, Mass.*

134 ST. JAMES AVENUE,

BOSTON, Dec. 15, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I have purposely waited with my congratulations and good wishes, seeing that so many more important ones were thronging to you.

Now that happy speech and kindly greetings are over, and the anniversary is a beautiful memory, I offer my personal and professional hand, in friendly hopes, in cordial ones, that you may live to enjoy many anniversaries of ordination to a profession which you honor by devotion and ability.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. A. HORTON.

Rev. C. D. BRADLEE.

From Rev. Dr. James Freeman Clarke, Pastor of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, Mass.

JAMAICA PLAIN, Dec 17, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

I was very sorry not to be able to be with you at your anniversary. The only thing that prevented was a pressure of engagements.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

From Mrs. Carrie Tanner, of Louisville, Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., 12—16—1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

The invitation to the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of your installation was received with pleasure, and we only regret that we could not be present.

Please accept our most hearty congratulations, with the wish that there may be reserved for you many years yet of usefulness and happiness.

Sincerely your friend,

(Signed) CARRIE TANNER.

*From Rev. Prof. J. Henry Thayer, D.D., Cambridge
Divinity School.*

67 SPARKS ST., CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 13, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

An unexpectedly deferred engagement here in Cambridge, last Thursday evening, made it impossible for me to think of accepting your very kind invitation.

You are certainly to be heartily felicitated on the successful achievement of so long a period of Christian service.

May you add to it thirty years more.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. HENRY THAYER.

From Miss I. E. Kelsey, Readville, Mass.

READVILLE, Dec. 26, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

Your kind invitation to your 30th Anniversary reached me safely, and in season, but found me quite sick.

Was greatly disappointed, for I would have enjoyed seeing you. I well remember your ordination, but cannot realize that thirty years have passed.

Most sincerely,

(Signed) I. E. KELSEY.

From Rev. Dr. S. K. Lothrop.

12 CHESTNUT STREET, Dec. 13, 1884.

MY DEAR BROTHER BRADLEE,—

I meant to write some time ago to acknowledge the poem and the invitation to the interesting anniversary.

My dear brother, I am in my 81st year. I have been preaching more than fifty-six years. In February next, I

shall have been an ordained minister fifty-six years. I hope you may live and prosper and be useful and be happy till you not only reach but surpass the figures given above.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. K. LOTHROP.

From Gen'l Josiah Porter, of New York.

19 BARCLAY STREET, & 24 PARK PLACE,

NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1884.

MY DEAR BRADLEE,—

I wish I could have been with you on the anniversary of your ordination. It does not seem possible that it all happened thirty years ago, and that it must be nearly as many years since you gave me my wife.

Accept my sincerest congratulations, and my warmest wishes for your health and happiness.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JOSIAH PORTER.

From Hon. J. H. Barber, Sheffield, England, G. B.

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 17, 1884.

DEAR MR. BRADLEE,—

I am interested both in Miss Record's poem and the occasion giving rise to it, which must be just past, and was, I trust, a very happy anniversary.

Your statement is striking of the small survivorship in 30 years of those who were present as Clergymen officiating at your ordination in 1854.

I remain, dear Mr. Bradlee,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. H. BARBER.

From Mr. E. F. Weld.

STUTT GART, GERMANY, Dec. 18, 1884.

DEAR UNCLE,—

It would have given me much pleasure to be present at your Anniversary; some few thousand miles of water, however, imposed a decided veto to any such action.

I wish you heartily a sixtieth Anniversary, on which occasion I hope to be present.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E. F. WELD.

*From Miss E. A. Wiggin.**

Accept our hearty wishes that the coming anniversary may be a pleasant one, and be succeeded by many others equally so.

I remain, truly,

(Signed) E. A. W.

*From Hon. William T. Van Nostrand.**

I notice the length of time you have been in the service of the Lord.

Our united heartfelt wishes are that your life and health may be continued for a second thirtieth anniversary of your ordination.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) WM. T. VAN NOSTRAND.

* These letters having been mislaid, are inserted in this place.

LETTERS were also received, in which allusions were made to the Anniversary, from Hon. FREDERIC W. RICORD, LL.D., WALTER T. WINSLOW, Esq., and others.

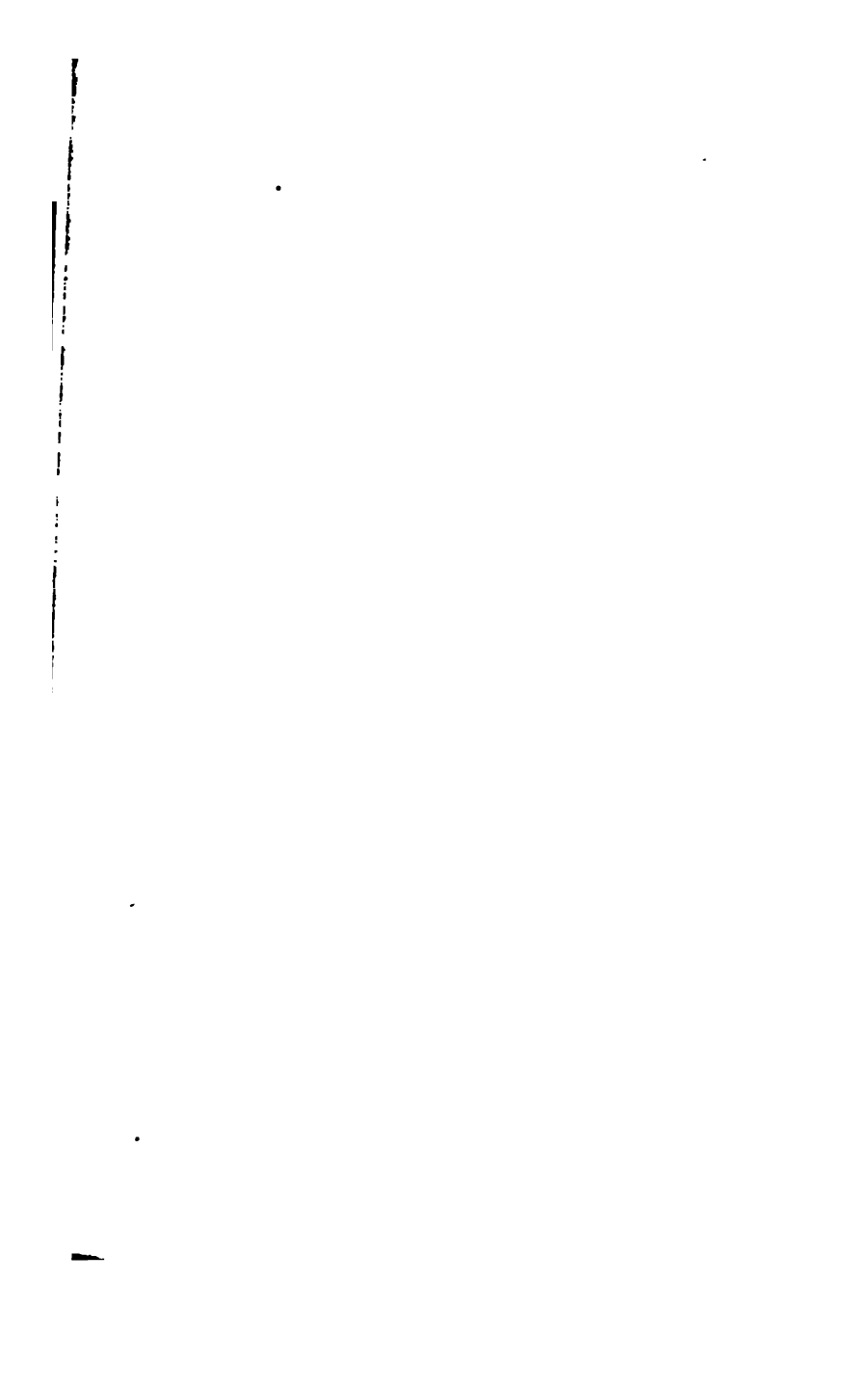
Many gave verbal congratulations, and many answered their invitations by being present on the occasion, amongst whom may be named Hon. JAMES W. AUSTIN, LL.D., WM. B. TRASK, Esq., MOSES MERRILL, Esq., Rev. Dr. PACKARD, &c. &c.

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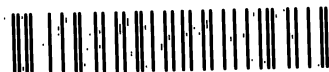
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